MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know whether the Hon'ble Member has ever visited the Shertalla taluk?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: About half a dozen times.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI: Does this scheme include water supply to the coastal regions of the Chirayinkil taluk?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: It does not include.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI: Is there any other scheme for the supply of good water to the coastal regions of the Chirayinkil taluk?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: There is none at present.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: Is there any bus service now existing on the Colachel Thottiode road?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: There is.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: How long these services have been in existence?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: I cannot exactly say.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: Sir, I would support the grant for the maintenance and remetalling of the Colachel-Thottiode road. I represent the constituency where the road exists. A travel along that road is not at all a pleasant one. There are ups and downs on that road sufficiently steep that women may find it very difficult even to travel on this road. (*Laughter.*)

PRESIDENT: The honourable member may pardon the House if it considers him a bit unchivalrous.

MR. C. JABAMONY NADAR: Sir, there is another important circumstance with regard to this road. It passes through the biggest market in the State, namely, the Monday Market.

It passes also through a Municipal Town *viz.*, Colachel. Bus service has been running on this line for a number of years. I think Pioneer company started service here soon after they started the Trivandrum—Nagercoil service. There is regular bus service on this line between every 15 or 30 minutes.

Therefore, even apart from the needs of the State Transport service, I would support the demand. I would also request that the work may be done as quickly as possible so that this supplementary demand may be justified. It will really afford great relief to the travelling public.

The demand was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

AYURVEDA DEPARTMENT.

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: I rise to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 489, under Ayurveda.

This grant is intended to continue the scholarship granted to one Mr. M. N. Kesava Pillai who is studying for the Ayurveda Acharya Examination in the Benares Hindu University. He has had about 6 years' training there. Government gave him a scholarship for the last three years and 9 months. The final examination was held in

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May 1937. It was accepted by all his Professors that he would pass. But owing to circumstances beyond his control, *viz.*, the outbreak of plague, he did not pass. There was rat fall in his house and naturally, he was greatly disturbed and worried. His Professors have reported that he has been a very hard working and intelligent student. Some other students also failed in the examination on account of the plague scare. As soon as this matter was reported to Government, they made enquiries. Reports were called for from the Principal of the College. He reported that there was a large number of failures owing to the outbreak of plague and that it would be advisable to continue the scholarship to Mr. Kesava Pillai for one more year.

Therefore, on the recommendation of the Principal of the College at Benares and also of the Principal of the local College of Ayurveda, Government have decided to continue the scholarship for another year. There is no provision for this in the budget for the year. Hence this supplementary demand is made.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: Did this Mr. Kesava Pillai sit for the examination.

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: Yes. But he was greatly worried, like many others who also sat and failed.

MR. M. G. MATHEW: For how many days did the rat fall continue?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: I have no information about that; but there was rat fall during the examination period.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: Did any student pass?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: All that the report says is that a number of students failed.

MR. M. G. MATHEW: Were they all living in the same house?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: Some of them were living in the same house.

MR. M. G. MATHEW; How many?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: I have no information.

The demand was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

INDUSTRIES.

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Sir, I rise to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 1,01,200 under Industries. The Demand is composed of 2 items, (1) Rs. 1,200 for drill motion power looms for the Central Technological Institute, and (2) Rs. 1,00,000 for the Ceramic Factory.

The necessity for the looms has arisen on account of the present policy of Government to manufacture, as far as possible, the stores necessary for the various Departments. The Department of Industries has therefore undertaken to manufacture several items for some of the Departments.

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